is besides the point. In the second place, if you want the information unless you give me notice, how can I say now?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the Government is sure that all the buildings for which they paid are now in existence?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Nobody can give a definite answer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the Government think it necessary to enquire further into the matter to see whether there has been such delinquencies in other cases?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Head of Department has enquired, and as soon as this was brought to his notice, he reported.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether they are further proceeding with the matter to see whether there are other similar cases?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Head of Department will enquire and bring to the notice of the Government if there are any such instances.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* What was done with the Parvathiam?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* He has been suspended for six months.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know who builds these buildings?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Contractors.

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6. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of questions received and answered in the years 1114, 1115 and 1116, respectively ;

(*b*) the number of questions received and answered in the same years pertaining to the transferred subjects ;

(c) the number of questions received and answered in the same year pertaining to the reserved subjects ?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

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(*a*) No. received	..	1,235
No. admitted	..	1,160
No. answered	..	743

1115

No. received	..	1,018
No. admitted	..	954
No. answered	..	790

1116

No. received	..	971
No. admitted	..	898
No. answered	..	668

(*b*) & (*c*) The time and labour involved in answering the questions is not commensurate with the benefit derived thereby.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, what will be the amount of time that will be necessary for gathering this information?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It will take a good deal of time. I cannot give the exact time with any scientific accuracy.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* We have got the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. From a mere look at the question we can know by whom it was answered.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* If it was not a difficult matter the question would not have been asked because they are in possession of all the papers.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* We are not paid for it. You are paid for it.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The books are with you. Either it must take a good deal of time or it must take very little time. If it takes very little time there was no point in asking. If it takes a good deal of time the answer is correct.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are not questions asked for the information of the members of this House as well as for the information of the public?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* This question is not a request for information. We are not asked to assist you for tabulation. The information is with you.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* I definitely assert that in the year 1116 more questions with regard to Transferred Departments have been answered and preference has been shown to them. Can you deny it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The assertion is there. The information is there.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether the Government is aware that more questions relating to Transferred Departments were answered during this time?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We don't accept it as a fact. What happens is the Minister as Leader of the House gets preference in the order.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What about the Budget? After General Administration you go to Land Revenue and other Departments. Does he get preference there?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The Budget is alphabetic. Not diplomatic.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* You said that the Minister being the Leader of the House his questions are answered first. I ask what about the Budget. Does it stand to reason?

7. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether any preference is shown in the matter of answering the questions pertaining to the transferred departments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether in 1116 more questions referring to the Transferred Departments have been answered?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have not made a calculation.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I request the Government that as far as possible some sort of equality should be shown with regard to questions answered? There are only six transferred departments and there are a number of reserved departments. I find that in 1116 roughly more questions referring to the Transferred Departments were answered whereas information with regard to the Reserved Departments which we particularly wanted has not been been obtained.

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